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(1) Subsidy for Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for Specified Self-financed Cancer Drugs Which Have Not Yet Been Brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net But Have Been Rapidly Accumulating Medical Scientific Evidence and with Relatively Higher	August 2011	4,175.08 ² (current funding provision for 11 years of operation up to March 2023)	● The prevailing SF financial assessment mechanism and its sliding scale are adopted as the financial assessment criteria.	17 951 person-times ³	Around 1,858.80 ⁴	The Programme initially covered 6 specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases. It covers 34 drugs as at the 2 nd quarter of 2021. In addition, 8 drugs/indications which were previously covered by the Programme have been

¹ Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011, 20 programmes under the CCF have been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes and 14 programmes were completed. A list of the relevant programmes is at [Appendix](#).

² Including the administrative and audit expenses of this programme and programme (A)(1) at [Appendix](#).

³ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 31 August 2021.

⁴ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 31 August 2021.

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<p>Efficacy (First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes)</p> <p>(To subsidise the drug costs borne by patient beneficiaries for the relevant drug treatment)</p>						<p>repositioned to the coverage of SF or the Special Drugs of HA Drug Formulary.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the former Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2012.</p> <p>All patients whose applications were approved in the first seven years of operation (i.e. from August 2011 to March 2019) have completed treatment.</p> <p>The Commission on</p>

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						<p>Poverty (CoP) approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes and in March 2021 further refinements to the means test mechanism.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in December 2020 for the revision of the</p>

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						2020-21 indicative budgets of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes and the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.
(2) Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Persons Aged Below 60 who are Non-CSSA (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) Recipients Requiring Constant Attendance and Living in the Community (The monthly subsidy is	September 2011 (extended for one year in November each year from 2012 to 2015, extended for two years in November 2016, extended for two years in November 2018 and extended for 35 months in November 2020 up to end-September 2023	620.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged below 60 and receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme as at 31 July 2018; and ● living in the community and with household income not exceeding 150% of the relevant Median Monthly 	16 835 person-times	Around 457.88	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in May 2013.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020 the extension of the Programme for 35 months and the revised estimate of the Programme.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the</p>

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disbursed according to the monthly household income of the applicants in “full grant” (\$2,000); “three-quarters grant” (\$1,500), or “half grant” (\$1,000))	under the current mode of operation)		Domestic Household Income (MMDHI).			Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(3) Relocation Allowance for Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings who Have to Move out as a result of the Buildings Department (BD)’s Enforcement Action (An allowance of \$5,718 for one-person households, \$9,492 for two-to-three-person households; and	December 2011 (a three-year Enhanced Programme was launched in November 2017)	4.43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons who have passed the family/household-based means test establishing eligibility for CSSA Scheme, student financial assistance schemes, HA Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism or Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS); or ● household income not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI for one-person 	193 households (315 persons)	Around 0.7	BD has inspected 218 target industrial buildings of which 69 have so far been identified as premises of illegal domestic use. BD has taken enforcement action against these cases and enforcement actions have been completed in 48 buildings. BD will continue to follow up on the enforcement action for other target

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\$13,224 for four-or-more-person households)			households; and not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households.			industrial buildings. The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and approved recommendations of enhancement in November 2017. The evaluation results of the Enhanced Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(4) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme (Based on the level of	September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in	2,259.42 ⁵	● Aged 60 or above, being users of the “Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)” or the	83 118 persons	Around 964.77	The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013.

⁵ The CoP endorsed at its meeting held on 15 June 2021 to increase the budget of the Programme by \$866.75 million for implementation of programme expansion and enhancement measures, and for the continued implementation of the Programme to 30 September 2023.

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subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum subsidy of \$26,070 for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$12,245 for dentures, \$13,755 for denture-related dental care and \$70 for registration and dental check-up), a referral fee of \$50 for each referral by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and an accompanying service fee of \$70 per hour based on the actual duration of accompanying service provided to applicants who are users of the home care services under the Programme	September 2015, extended for half year in September 2018, and extended in March 2019 for three years; then further extended the Programme up to end-September 2023)		<p>“Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” subvented by the SWD and paying level 1 or level 2 fee charge of the said services, and not receiving CSSA; or aged 65 or above and receiving Normal or Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)⁶; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● have not benefited from this Programme or aged 75 or above who received dental services under the Programme at least five years ago; and 			<p>The Programme was expanded by phases in September 2015, October 2016, July 2017 and February 2019 to cover elders who are OALA recipients aged 80 or above, aged 75 or above, aged 70 or above and 65 or above respectively. Enhancement measures were also introduced in February 2019.</p> <p>The scope of subsidy under the Programme was expanded from July</p>

⁶ The CoP authorised at its meeting held on 31 August 2016 the Food and Health Bureau and the Hong Kong Dental Association to further expand the target beneficiaries if no additional funding is required.

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(if applicable))			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● have not benefitted from the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly under the Department of Health (DH). 			<p>2021 so that eligible elderly persons in need of treatment can receive more targeted dental services.</p> <p>As at end-August 2021, around 96 700 applications were received (including around 200 elderly persons applying for a second time under the Programme). Applications of around 83 100 cases have completed the required treatments (including around 79 400 denture cases) and applications of the remaining 13 600 cases are receiving</p>

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						dental treatments at various stages.
(5) Subsidy for Owners' Corporations of Old Buildings (From 1 October 2018 onwards, eligible owners' corporations can be granted a subsidy with the total amount capped at \$24,000 for relevant expenditure items on an accountable basis)	October 2012 (A three-year Enhanced Scheme was launched in October 2015. The three-year third phase of the Scheme was launched in October 2018)	67.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Residential or composite buildings aged 30 years or above with owners' corporations; and ● From 1 October 2018 onwards, average rateable value of the residential units does not exceed \$162,000 for urban area and \$124,000 for New Territories. 	3 240 owners' corporations	Around 54.35	<p>The CoP noted the evaluation results of the Scheme and approved the implementation of the Enhanced Scheme for three years in September 2015.</p> <p>The interim evaluation results of the Enhanced Scheme were reported to the CoP in August 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018. The CoP approved the implementation of</p>

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						<p>the third phase of the Scheme with effect from 1 October 2018.</p> <p>The mid-term evaluation report of the third phase of the Scheme was reported to the CoP in December 2020.</p>
<p>(6) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families</p> <p>(Phases I and II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a</p>	<p>June 2014 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years and four months. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2016, lasted for two years. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018,</p>	<p>882.95</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in Hong Kong and has/have been assessed by MDS-HC 2.0 under SWD's 	<p>7 527 carers</p>	<p>Around 473.63</p>	<p>The application period of Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 26 February 2021. Vetting is nearly completed by SWD.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 57 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or</p>

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<p>maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase III and IV of the Pilot Scheme : a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)</p>	<p>lasted for two years and extended for 6 months up to end-March 2021. Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme has been launched in April 2021 for 30 months up to end-September 2023)</p>		<p>Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to be of moderate or severe level of impairment, and has/have been on the Central Waiting List (CWL) for subsidised long-term care services [i.e. residential care services (RCS) and/or community care services) (CCS)] on or before 30 November 2018; or remain on the CWL for subsidised long-term care services [i.e. RCS</p>			<p>Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁷ of Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the evaluation report on Phase II of the Pilot Scheme and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the</p>

⁷ The 57 ASPs operate 170 DECCs and NECs in total across the territory.

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			<p>and/or CCS] under the subsequent assessment by interRAI-HC 9.3;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in the community without using any RCS during the application period and while receiving the allowance; ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one elderly person who meets 			<p>University of Hong Kong. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>the above-mentioned criteria at the same time);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with the elderly person(s) under his/her care; ● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and ● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI. 			

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<p>(7) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers</p> <p>(A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)</p>	<p>October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 12 months to end-September 2020, extended for 36 months up to end-September 2023 under the current mode of operation)</p>	<p>18.9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving HDA (persons being medically certified as “unfit for making a statement” excluded); ● having secured paid employment (not applicable to persons engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and ● being gainfully employed but his/her relatives or friends are unable to provide care, and is hiring a full-time carer (mainly foreign domestic helper) to assist in travelling 	<p>41 persons</p>	<p>Around 8.38</p>	<p>The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020 the extension of implementation of the Pilot Scheme for 36 months until late-September 2023.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>between home and office (not applicable to work-at-home jobs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subsidy will only be provided to existing eligible beneficiaries during the extension period of the Pilot Scheme. <p>Application was closed on 31 March 2018 and would not be reopened.</p>			
<p>(8) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>(Phase I of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes</p>	<p>October 2016 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasted for two years, extended for 6 months up to</p>	498.62	<p>An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/ criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must 	3 496 persons	Around 258.92	<p>The application period of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 26 February 2021. Vetting is nearly completed by SWD.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 29 NGOs that operate District</p>

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<p>care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase II and III of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)</p>	<p>end-March 2021. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme has been launched in April 2021 for 30 months up to end-September 2023)</p>		<p>be living in Hong Kong, and has/have been on the waiting list for any one of the specified rehabilitation services subsidised by SWD or special school with boarding placement under the Education Bureau (EDB) or infirmary service of HA on or before 31 March 2020;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must be living in the community without using any residential care services during the 			<p>Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs), Parents/Relatives Resource Centres (PRCs), Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs), PRCs for Ex-mentally Ill Persons, Sheltered Workshops (SWs), Day Activity Centres (DACs) or Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres (IVRSCs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁸ of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing</p>

⁸ The 29 ASPs operate 69 DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, PRCs for Ex-mentally Ill Persons, SWs, DACs and IVRSCs in total across the territory.

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			<p>application period and while receiving the allowance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and is required to provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one person with disabilities who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time); ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of 			<p>support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the evaluation report of the Pilot Scheme and Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on living allowance for carers of elderly persons from low-income families submitted by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>employment relationship with the person(s) with disabilities under his/her care;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and ● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI. 			
(9) Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)	August 2017	795.84 (current funding provision for five years of operation up to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers; and ● permanent residents 	94 person-times ⁹	Around 231.7 ¹⁰	The CoP approved in May 2017 the inclusion of the drug for treating “Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria (PNH)” into the

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		March 2023)	of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.			<p>Programme. Relaxation of clinical indication for the drug was subsequently approved by the CoP to cover the treatment of “atypical Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome”.</p> <p>The CoP further approved in June 2018 to include the drug for treating “Spinal Muscular Atrophy” in the Programme. The drug for treating “Transthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy” was also introduced to the Programme</p>

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						<p>starting from mid-July 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes and in March 2021 further refinements to the means test mechanism.</p> <p>The HA agreed to relax the criteria on the blood transfusion amount received by patients under the clinical guidelines for the drug for treating PNH.</p>

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						<p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2020 the introduction of a new drug for treating “Neuroblastoma” after its registration in Hong Kong. The drug, after its registration, was introduced to the Programme starting from late-December 2020.</p> <p>The drug for treating PNH has been repositioned to</p>

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						<p>the coverage of SF in mid-July 2020.</p> <p>The drug for treating “Paediatric and young adult patients up to 25 years of age with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia that is refractory, in relapse post-transplant or in second or later relapse / Adult patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy” was introduced to the Programme starting from</p>

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						<p>early-April 2021.</p> <p>All patients whose applications were approved in the first year of operation (i.e. from August 2017 to March 2019) have completed treatments.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in December 2020 for the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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(10) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures	August 2017	199.56 (current funding provision for five years of operation up to March 2023)	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers.	357 person-times ¹¹	Around 90.01 ¹²	<p>The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover six medical devices starting from mid-July 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p>

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¹² This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 31 August 2021.

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						<p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in December 2020 for the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(11) Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment</p> <p>(The Pilot Scheme adopts five co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)</p>	<p>December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 25 months up to end-December 2022)</p>	<p>383.34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above and living in the community; ● assessed to be of mild impairment by the designated assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme; ● currently on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Cases); and ● the monthly household income must not be higher than a specified percentage of the MMDHI (i.e. not exceeding 175% for one-person households and not exceeding 150% for two-or-more-person households). 	<p>4 138 persons</p>	<p>Around 142.85</p>	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. SWD has issued letters to invite applications from the elderly persons, who are on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Case), through the IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams participating in the Pilot Scheme. The IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams have conducted assessments and arranged support services for eligible elderly persons.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020</p>

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						<p>the extension of the Pilot Scheme for 25 months up to end-December 2022.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(12) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment</p> <p>(Existing mode of operation: The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household</p>	<p>February 2018 (a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 32 months up to end-September 2023 with implementation of a new mode of operation starting from 1 October 2021)</p>	<p>234.18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above; and ● assessed by medical staff of HA to have temporary loss of self-care ability due to illness and in need of transitional care and support (i.e. in need of temporary residential care and/or community care and support services) and are not 	<p>2 295 persons</p>	<p>Around 112.04</p>	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 26 February 2018. Medical staff of the hospitals participating in the Pilot Scheme have referred eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The CCF Task</p>

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<p>income of the elderly persons)</p> <p>(New mode of operation: The fee-charging scale will change to be the same as that of the existing “Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients” under HA.)</p>			<p>covered under the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients.</p>			<p>Force and the CoP noted the changes regarding the referral mechanism of the Pilot Scheme at their meetings on 28 September and 18 October 2018 respectively. Apart from accepting referrals from the seven acute hospitals under the three HA clusters, the Pilot Scheme also accepts referrals from the three extended care hospitals of those three clusters, so as to ensure that needy elderly patients can be timely referred to join the Pilot Scheme.</p>

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						<p>The CoP approved in December 2020 the extension of the Pilot Scheme for 32 months up to end-September 2023 with implementation of a new mode of operation starting from 1 October 2021 with each of the three selected NGOs setting up a Transitional Care Team to provide service to needy elderly persons referred by respective hospital clusters (Kowloon East, New Territories East and New Territories West).</p>

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						The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(13) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot Scheme) to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Nam Cheong Street Project	September 2019	37.69	Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for PRH for at least 3 years); or ● living in inadequate housing conditions; or ● low-income and in urgent need for community support. 	88 households (162 persons)	Around 35.15	Applications were invited from 29 April to 5 June 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation Permit was obtained in July 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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(14) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional Housing – Lok Sin Tong Primary School (Pilot Scheme)	January 2020	15.45	Beneficiaries must be the households that are waiting for PRH allocation for more than three years, living in poor environment or in urgent need for housing and community support, and are required to meet the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households receiving CSSA; or ● Households whose income is lower than 55% of the MMDHI will be given priority. 	51 households (168 persons)	Around 15.41	Applications were invited from 20 April to 31 May 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation Permit was obtained in August 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(15) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot	Nov 2020	99.92	Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have an obvious need 	Data is not yet available	Around 9.31	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) had appointed consultancy in

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Scheme) to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Yen Chow Street Project			<p>for transitional housing (e.g. have been waiting for PRH allocation for more than 3 years); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who are living in poor environment and are in urgent need for housing. 			<p>2019. District Land Conference had granted the Short Term Tenancy to the HKCSS in May 2020. HKCSS had appointed a contractor for the works in October 2020. The contract period of construction works is about 14 months and in-take is expected to commence in early 2022.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(16) Digital Terrestrial Television Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Each eligible household can receive a digital set-top box, or a 24-inch or 32-inch digital TV set, with home delivery, installation, collection of old TV set and maintenance services.)</p>	14 January 2020	456.45	<p>Households using analogue TV sets at home; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recipients of the following assistances: CSSA; OALA (only for all-elderly households); WFA (valid within 18 months from issue date of notification); all means-tested student financial assistance schemes¹³; or Medical Fee Waiver Mechanism of public hospitals 	28 984 households	Around 38.8 (Assistance is provided in kind and in the form of services)	<p>The application period of the Programme was closed on 15 July 2021.</p> <p>The effectiveness of the Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force at appropriate juncture.</p>

¹³ Including the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes, Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students, Tuition Fee Reimbursement for Diploma Yi Jin (100% or 50% reimbursement of tuition fees paid), Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses (100% or 50% reimbursement of tuition fees paid), School Textbook Assistance Scheme, Student Travel Subsidy Scheme, Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges, Examination Fee Remission Scheme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and clinics; or ● average monthly household income in the past three months not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI of economically active households. 			
(17) Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit (SDU) Households (Each eligible household ¹⁴ will	June 2020 (two-year programme)	287.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● living in SDUs; ● meeting the income requirement¹⁵; and ● having at least one household member being a Hong Kong resident. 	4 632 households	Around 200.41	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁴ The beneficiaries include those households living in subdivided units formed by splitting a unit of quarters into 2 or more ‘internally connected’ and ‘externally accessible’ units (SDU), cubicles, bedspaces/cocklofts, roof-top structures, squatters, licensed structures for residential use, huts, industrial buildings and commercial buildings. The above-mentioned units are collectively referred as SDU under this Programme.

¹⁵ Households are deemed to have met the income requirement of the Programme for having passed the specific means tests if they are receiving assistance under any one of the following schemes:

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receive a subsidy in kind of up to \$8,500 (for one-person households), \$10,000 (for two-person households), \$11,500 (for three-person households) or \$13,000 (for four-or-more-person households). The subsidy in kind can be used to cover the three groups of items for carrying out minor improvement /repair works, purchasing furniture and household						

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- CSSA Scheme;
 - Ordinary Old Age Living Allowance and Higher Old Age Living Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme;
 - Working Family Allowance Scheme;
 - Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme;
 - School Textbook Assistance Scheme; or
 - Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme.

The Programme also covers low-income SDU households currently not receiving assistance from the Government under the six schemes as aforementioned. The income limit is set at 75% of the MMDHI of economically active households, and no asset test will be conducted.

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goods and/or pest control services. The household may, based on their practical situations and needs, choose one or more of the above groups.)						
(18) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – Junction of Sung Wong Toi Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project”	June 2020	60.56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who are living in inadequate housing condition and have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more, with priority to be given to those who are receiving CSSA or whose household income is less than 55% of the MMDHI; or ● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing 	217 persons	Around 49.24	<p>District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to LST in April 2020. The Government has to take over the site for public rental housing in September 2023.</p> <p>Practically completed with Occupation Permit obtained from BD on 14 April 2021. Tenants had moved in to all flats by</p>

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			and community support.			end-July 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(19) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – Ying Wa Street Project”	February 2021	77.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more and living in inadequate housing condition; or ● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support. 	Data is not yet available	Around 7.917	Construction work was commenced in February 2021. The estimated construction period is about 12 months and in-take is expected to commence in Q2 2022. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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<p>(20) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2020)</p> <p>(Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person households, \$12,500 for three-person households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for five-or-more-person households.)</p>	July 2020	1,324.585 ¹⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housings, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housings¹⁷; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in 	115 195 households (265 310 beneficiaries)	Around 1,074.48	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁶ The Commission on Poverty approved at its meeting on 9 March 2021 to increase the funding provision for the 2020 Programme and the 2021 Programme, including the revision on the combined administrative fees of the two Programmes to \$206.27 million. It is assumed that the administrative fees of each Programme account to 50%.

¹⁷ Social housings refer to transitional social housing projects supported by the relevant bureaux and operated by NGOs.

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			temporary housings; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits; ● not receiving CSSA; and ● not owning any property in Hong Kong. 			
(21) Subsidy for Refurbishment of Property of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited for “T-Home” Transitional Housing Scheme – Trackside Villas	May 2020	45.94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families of 3 to 6 persons which have queued for PRH under Hong Kong Housing Authority for not less than three years; and ● not owning any residential properties in Hong 	204 households (747 persons)	Around 9.47	Refurbishment work for a total of 187 units was completed. All households have moved in by batches since late-2020. The evaluation results will be

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			Kong; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicants who are eligible under the “Community Housing Movement”. 			reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(22) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2021) (Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person households, \$12,500 for three-person households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for	January 2021	1,813.155 ¹⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housings, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housings¹⁷; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department’s Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs 	99 035 households (217 171 persons)	Around 891.98	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

Assistance programme (Disbursement amount)	Implementation date	Funding provision (\$ million)	Major eligibility criteria	Beneficiary statistics (as at 31 August 2021)	Disbursements (\$ million) (as at 31 August 2021)	Progress and evaluation
five-or-more-person households.)			<p>for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in temporary housings; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits; ● not receiving CSSA; and ● not owning any property in Hong Kong. 			
(23) One-off Allowance for New Arrivals from Low-income Families	September 2020	2,131.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons who have reached the age of 18 on or before 31 March 2021 as evidenced by their Hong Kong 	174 682 persons	1,698.15 ¹⁸	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁸ If a beneficiary fails to encash the order cheque in respect of the allowance before its expiry, the amount concerned will not be treated as disbursement.

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(Each eligible person will receive a subsidy of \$10,000.)			Identity Cards (HKIC); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The following new arrivals who have entered Hong Kong for settlement for less than seven years as at 31 March 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (i) have entered Hong Kong from the Mainland on One-way Permit; or ● (ii) have the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong; or ● (iii) staying in Hong Kong as dependants (and their 			

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			<p>sponsors are Hong Kong permanent residents, or non-permanent residents with the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The applicant or his/her household member¹⁹ residing with the applicant has passed the family/household-based means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under specified 			

¹⁹ Household members refer to parents, children, spouse residing with the applicant in Hong Kong (including legally recognised adoptive parents/children and illegitimate children with proof of parentage). A couple lawfully married in a foreign jurisdiction is also included.

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			<p>assistance schemes²⁰; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the monthly income of the applicant and his/her household members¹⁹ not exceeding the specified monthly household income limit applicable to the number of household members (including permanent and non-permanent residents). 			
(24) One-off Ex-gratia Cash Allowance for Locally Confirmed 2019	27 November 2020	26.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicants must be Hong Kong residents who are confirmed by the 	1 164 persons (number of approved applications)	Around 5.82	Not applicable

²⁰ Including CSSA Scheme, Old Age Living Allowance (only applicable to the household member of the applicant), Working Family Allowance Scheme, student financial assistance schemes or Hospital Authority Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism.

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Coronavirus Disease Patients			Department of Health to have contracted COVID-19 locally on or after 22 November 2020; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● they are currently employed but not entitled to paid sick leave or are self-employed and face financial hardship whilst being hospitalised in public hospitals for COVID-19 treatment. 			
(25) Pilot Scheme to Subsidise Using Rooms in Hotels and Guesthouses as Transitional Housing	April 2021	95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To rent about 800 suitable rooms in hotels and guesthouses with substantial vacancies for use as transitional 	341 rooms available under subsidised projects	Around 0.33	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			housing through NGOs. The tenancy period of these rooms would not be shorter than two years and the subsidy per room shall be capped at \$133,500 per two years.			

(A) Assistance programmes incorporated into regular assistance programmes

Assistance programmes	Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes
(1) Subsidy for Needy Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) who Marginally Fall Outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net for the Use of SF Subsidised Drugs	September 2012 ²¹
(2) Financial Assistance for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland for Taking Language-related International Public Examinations	September 2013
(3) Subsidy for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland Participating in Language Courses	September 2013
(4) Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme flats for Five Years or Above and Not Eligible for Rent Allowance under the CSSA Scheme	April 2014
(5) Subsidy to Meet Lunch Expenses at Whole-day Primary Schools for Students from Low-income Families	September 2014
(6) Enhancement of the Flat Rate Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme	September 2014
(7) Enhancement of the Financial Assistance for Needy Students Pursuing Programmes Below Sub-degree Level	September 2014
(8) Training Subsidy for Children from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	October 2014
(9) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(10) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables Related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(11) Extra Travel Subsidy for Needy Special School Students	September 2015
(12) Provision of Funding for Ordinary Schools to Arrange Special Educational Needs Coordinators Pilot Scheme	September 2017
(13) Dementia Community Support Scheme	February 2019

²¹ The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

Assistance programmes	Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes
(14) Subsidy for Persons Holding Non-local Qualifications to Conduct Qualifications Assessment	September 2020
(15) Pilot Scheme on Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places	October 2020
(16) Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	February 2021
(17) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables	March 2021
(18) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students	September 2021
(19) Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students	September 2021
(20) Enhancing the Academic Expenses Grant for Students with Special Educational Needs and Financial Needs Pursuing Post-secondary Programmes	September 2021

(B) Assistance programmes completed

Assistance programmes	Date of completion
(1) Subsidy for Low-income Elderly Tenants in Private Housing	April 2013
(2) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to Subsidise Primary and Secondary School Students from Low-income Families to Participate in Cross Boundary Learning Activities and Competitions	June 2014
(3) Subsidy for Low-income Persons who are Inadequately Housed	July 2014
(4) Subsidy for Elders Aged 65 or Above from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Integrated Home Care Service (Ordinary Cases) for Household Cleaning Service and Escorting Services for Medical Consultations	December 2014
(5) After-school Care Pilot Scheme	July 2016

Assistance programmes	Date of completion
(6) Provision of a One-off Special Subsidy for Students on Full Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme before the Launch of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme	July 2016
(7) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA (launched for three times)	Completed in December 2014, December 2015 and December 2016 respectively
(8) Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to Secure Employment	March 2017
(9) Provision of a One-off Grant for School-related Expenses to Kindergarten Students	August 2017
(10) Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme	October 2020
(11) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women	December 2020
(12) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”	December 2020
(13) Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme	April 2021
(14) Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students for Purchasing Mobile Computer Devices to Facilitate the Practice of e-Learning	August 2021